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OF MAKING AND SCREENING FOR COMPOUNDS THAT REGULATE APOPTOSIS

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136

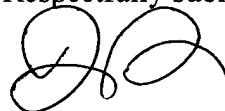
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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136, Applicant hereby petitions for an extension of time of one month(s), extending the time for responding to the Office Action of December 19, 2001 to April 19, 2002.

A check for the statutory fee of \$55.00 is attached. Please charge any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or § 1.17 necessary to keep this application pending in the Patent and Trademark Office or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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